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Ladder Truck Delivered to Lamoine

Lamoine's "New" Ladder 404 on Christmas Day 2018



(Lamoine) - A dozen or so members of Lamoine's Volunteer Fire Department waited patiently in the cold dark night on October 28th and finally, the now Ladder 404 arrived on the back of a flat bed truck, all the way from British Columbia. It had been a long wait for the truck, more than a year since the fire department and the town committed to adding it to the fleet.

The picture above was taken on Christmas Day. Since its arrival, the fire department has re-lettered the truck, utilizing the services of Ellsworth's Deputy Fire Chief Gary Saunders and his wife Karen who manufactured and applied decals (see picture on page 5).

Following the arrival and switching

parking places in the fire station to accommodate the new truck, members have been extremely busy training on how to deploy the stabilizers (the jack-like devices behind each tire), and raising and lowering the ladder safely. Interior firefighters have practiced climbing the ladder safely (not as easy as it sounds), and driving the big truck on Lamoine's relatively narrow roads. A crew deployed the pump and shot water out of the top of the ladder down at the transfer station in late November. Other crews led by Chief Engineer Chris Bean mounted tools, airpack holders, hose and other needed pieces of equipment onto the truck. The new truck's first official duty—hanging

the Christmas wreath at the fire station. The ladder truck will be very handy on chimney and structural fires, and potentially during storms.

Capt. Ed Farnsworth has been instrumental in the training and drove the truck in the Ellsworth Christmas Parade and as part of the escort for Wreaths Across America, both in December.

Voters approved \$98,100 for the new truck, opting not to borrow any money for the apparatus. The fire department has invested nearly \$20,000 toward the purchase, delivery, and equipment for the new truck, thanks to successful fund raising efforts.

Town Election Papers Available

(Lamoine) - If you've ever thought about running for elected office in the town government, January is the month to act. Nomination petitions are available at the town office to collect names to be placed on the ballot for the annual election on March 19th.

There are two positions up for election for the Board of Selectmen. The seats are currently held by Kathleen Rybarz and Robert Christie, both of whom were first elected in 2016. The school committee will also have two seats to fill, currently held by Brett Jones and Robert Pulver. One position for the Board of Assessors is up for election. That is currently held by Jane Fowler.

To appear on the ballot, candidates must obtain at least 25 signatures from registered Lamoine voters and turn them in to the Lamoine Town Clerk's office no later than noon time on Saturday, February 2, 2019. It is recommended that candidates gather a few extra signatures just in case an unregistered voter signs or there are other issues identified. The election takes place on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the Town Hall.

Community Center Discussion to Begin

(Lamoine) - When the town's Comprehensive Planning Committee was gathering information and opinions about Lamoine, one of the common themes from residents was that the town needs a community center. In fact, that was the most common theme the committee seemed to hear, and it's widely mentioned in the draft plan that will likely go to voters in the not too distant future. The Board of Selectmen has been hearing the same thing off and on for years, and the issue is coming off the back burner for 2019.

Just what the town means by a community center, though, is an elusive idea. During a board chair/departments head meeting in November, the Selectmen broached the subject, and the issue dominated the meeting. The Selectmen asked for volunteers to serve, and eventually concluded that the initial gathering should consist of the board chairs and department heads. They've been invited along with some others identified as possibly interested to the first community center planning meeting on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School gymnasium. The meeting is open to the public, and

anyone who might be interested in participating is most welcome to attend. The meeting night is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

There is a certain irony that the only municipally operated facility large enough to accommodate that large a group had very limited availability because it is booked by other events (mainly sports practices and contests).

The proposed agenda for the meeting will have each attendee give their vision of what is meant by a community center. During the November meeting, there was a lot of sentiment about including school students in the population served by a community center, and the Selectmen anticipate the school committee and staff playing a key discussion role.

At the meeting, the Selectmen may decide on how large a committee should move the concept forward, what sub committees might be needed to assist with planning, and how to inventory what the town has for public owned assets and what options might be available if more space is needed. It is anticipated the planning process will take several years to complete.

Municipal Budget Recommendation Lowers Property Tax Requirement

(Lamoine) - It will cost taxpayers a little less to run the municipal government in Lamoine in the 2019/20 fiscal year if voters follow the recommendation from the Budget Committee. The committee wrapped up its work in mid-December, and recommended overall spending for the non-school and non-county portion of the budget of \$884,900. That's an 11.03% (\$109,700) reduction in spending from the current fiscal year. Two major factors went into the reduction; less road paving and no fire truck purchase to pay for. The town will pave the western end of Buttermilk Road next spring, a shorter section of road than was paved in the past few years.

Regular operating budgets, though, showed increases. The largest proposed increase is for Code Enforcement following a doubling of hours the Code Enforcement Officer is working thanks to increased building projects and enforcement activity.

Revenue uses to offset property taxes also decreased by about 6.22%, or \$41,300. The largest proposed revenue drops were surplus use (down \$70,000) and road fund use (\$20,000 less). The overall tax impact is a reduction of roughly \$68,400, or roughly one quarter of a mill. The overall property tax proposed for the municipal budget is \$262,350-a little less than one mill on the current tax rate.

State Valuation Increases

(Lamoine) - The State of Maine says Lamoine's value grew nicely in the past two years. Figures released by Maine Revenue Services pegs the town's overall value at \$279,250,000. That's up from \$272,400,000 in 2018, or a 2.5% increase in the total town value.

It's not the highest value ever in town, but it's getting close. Prior to the housing bust, the record valuation for Lamoine was \$283,750,000 in 2010. State valuation figures lag about 2-years behind, as they are based on actual sales.

The local valuation for Lamoine in 2018 was \$263,604,600. It remains to be seen what the local value will be on April 1, 2019.

Board Chairs, Dept. Heads Meet

(Lamoine) - It's not often that Board of Selectmen meetings last longer than two hours, or that a lot of people attend when little of controversy is on the agenda. Periodically, the board likes to sit down with the various committee chairs and town staff to hear what's going on, and what they ought to focus on for the near future. The meeting in mid-November afforded an opportunity for those present to give an update from their board's or department's perspective.

Ten departments and committees were represented. Much of the discussion, as noted on page 1, focused around a possible community center and space needs. Much of what was discussed is contained in this edition of *The Lamoine Quarterly*. In regard to the community center concept, the town hall parking lot was not big enough to accommodate vehicles from all the meeting attendees, forcing some to park beside the road and brave walking in the dark to the town hall entrance. Selectmen called the meeting productive and educational.

Comprehensive Plan in Final Stretch

(Lamoine) - Five years have passed since the town began work to update its Comprehensive Plan. It is nearly ready to go before voters for approval.

The Comp Planning Committee heard lots of positive comment during the initial public hearing on November 12th at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gymnasium. This in attendance had done their homework, reading through the initial draft of the plan that committee members have worked hard on for the past half decade or so. While no one spoke in passionate opposition to the plan, some offered comments on various sections.

Comp Plan Committee Secretary

Andrea Ames recorded the suggestions and the committee returned to work in the following weeks to propose some revisions to the first draft. A two page outline of those changes is proposed at the town office, and posted on the town's website.

The Committee planned a follow up public hearing regarding the proposed changes to the draft for January 2, 2019 at the town hall. Once that hearing is completed, the Comp Plan committee will likely draw up the final version of the plan to submit to voters for approval at the annual Town Meeting scheduled for March 20, 2019 at the school.

Shoreland Ordinance a Moving Target

(Lamoine) - A hearing in September drew only two attendees to a Planning Board meeting to talk about proposed changes to the Shoreland Zoning ordinance. The Board has been working on a draft to present to the town meeting in March 2019, and the ordinance is nearing the final stages for development.

Resident and Tax Assessor Terry

Towne has questioned whether proper notification procedure was followed, and whether a proposed map is adequate for the potential upcoming vote. Planning Board Chair John Holt is working with the College of the Atlantic on the draft map in an effort to show in greater detail which lots are in which zone. The map is an integral part of the plan, and Towne cites state law that requires an individual notice when zoning changes the allowed uses for a Shoreland lot.

Marlboro Beach Rd. House Demolished



Before & After—the former James & Eleanor Norris home at 169 Marlboro Beach Road was razed in November 2018

(Lamoine) - The date of construction on the property card for the house at 169 Marlboro Beach Road just reads 1800s. Recent years have not been kind to the home that had belonged to James and Eleanor Norris had been empty for many years after her death in September of 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Norris had purchased the home in 1956 from the late Percy Bragdon, and at the time it was one of the

more stately homes in the Marlboro Section of Lamoine. Mrs. Norris was a long time school teacher, and they raised five sons in the house. Three surviving sons still own property in the same neighborhood.

In March of 2017 her heirs sold the property to Bruce Yasgur of Pennsylvania who determined the house was too far deteriorated to be able to restore. Mr.

Yasgur attempted to donate the house for burn training to the Hancock County Firefighters Academy, but complications prevented that from taking place. Mr. Yasgur arranged to have the old house demolished this past fall and was kind enough to provide pictures of the house as it stood before construction crews tore it down, and a photo of some of the remains before final cleanup.

Selectmen Tweak Permit Fees

(Lamoine) - Depending on what one plans to construct, the fees accompanying the required permitting may be a little less, or it might be more. Selectmen in mid-November approved a new permit fee schedule. If nothing else, the schedule helps to clarify questions that kept popping up at the Code Enforcement Officer level.

The new fees clarify just what is considered a foundation that is subject to a fee. It also defined what an attic is compared to a top floor living area.

The Shoreland Zoning ordinance fees were also greatly clarified for projects that involve Shoreland alteration without building. The fees are \$25/acre for any Shoreland project that does not involve a building.

Perhaps the biggest change comes with the permit fee for gravel permits. The previous fee schedule charged on a 3-tier system depending on the size of the extraction permit area. The new schedule charges \$50 per acre for the proposed permitted area. That fee is expected to generate more revenue for larger gravel pits which require a lot more time from the Code Enforcement Officer to monitor annually.

The new fees went into effect at the end of November.

Shoreland Cutting Apparently Not in Violation



One of the lots cleared in the Sunset Bay Subdivision during the summer of 2018

(Lamoine) - A licensed forester hired by the developers of the Sunset Bay Subdivision off Seal Point Road has concluded that the property owners legally cut vegetation in the Shoreland Zone. A report from Thomas Dodd did recommend replanting lots with trees to replace dead trees and other vegetation removed from lots sometime during the summer of 2018.

Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright issued a notice of violation after receiving a complaint about the cutting in the Shoreland Zone. After receiving the report indicating replanting is in order, Selectmen suggested a consent agreement. Further clarification from the forester indicated there was no ordinance violation. Albright and Dodd plan to meet with Selectmen in January to further clarify.

Cluster Housing Change Ready for March

(Lamoine) - To build affordable, multi-family housing in Lamoine has not only been next to impossible for the past 25-years or so; the local ordinance pretty much forbade it. The current Building and Land Use Ordinance (BLUO) requires any cluster housing to be served by municipal water and sewer systems. There's just one issue—Lamoine has no municipal water and sewer, and likely won't for a long time to come.

The Planning Board has worked to come up with an amendment to the

ordinance that might better encourage such housing development. An amendment to the BLUO will require a minimum of 10-acres for cluster housing development. Such plans will have to be served by common private water and septic systems, and all plans must receive Planning Board Approval. The revision also requires a significant amount of undeveloped common space to be accessible to all residents.

The amendment will be on the open town meeting warrant on March 20.



Another Lamoine Creation Heads to the Ocean

SW Boatworks owner Stewart Workman called the town office a few weeks back to alert the staff that another one of his large Calvin Beal boats was about to head by on its way to the ocean. We got a picture of one of the company's latest creations that will be owned by a Colorado man who summers in Boothbay Harbor.

Fall Slows Permit Issuance a Bit

(Lamoine) - After a relatively busy summer construction season, construction permit issuance slowed down for the final quarter of the year. Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright issued a dozen construction permits, 9 internal plumbing permits, and three septic system permits during the quarter.

Nbr	Name	Project
63	Mouland, David	Shed
64	Arbach, Kathryn	Garage
65	Leighton, Peter	Garage
66	Wilder, Michael	Barn Addition
67	Lovett, Laurance	Rip Rap Shoreland Repair
68	Kolkas, Eugenia	Rip Rap Shoreland Repair
69	Cameron Stone & Landscaping	Commercial Building
70	Staples, Felicia	Horse Barn
71	White, Cindy	Deck
72	LaHaye, William	Garage
73	True, Kathryn	Alter Building Size Plan
74	Durrell, Stacey	Residence

Appeals Board Ordinance Work Ongoing

(Lamoine) - It remains to be seen whether Lamoine voters will have a stand-alone Appeals Board ordinance to decide at the annual town meeting in March. After receiving comments on the latest draft, the Board of Appeals has decided to continue revisions to an ordinance they've been in the process of drafting for several years.

The goal of the ordinance is to come up with a uniform way to treat matters that come before the Appeals

Board. The various town ordinance that contain an appeals process have different wording and processes in which the appeals are handled.

The latest work session raised questions about board member conflicts, what type of hearings the Appeals Board should hold, and how abutters are defined when properties are separated by a stream or a road. The Board plans to submit questions to Maine Municipal Association's legal department.

Town Hall Roof Springs a Leak

(Lamoine) - Town facilities maintenance director Rick Gallegos is working on trying to get the proper repair to keep water from sometimes streaming out of the ceiling by the front entrance to the building. He's placed buckets in the overhead area below the cupola on top of the town hall, and that seems to be catching the water for now, but it's not a permanent solution.

When the rain blows in hard from

the south, the roof has tended to leak, and it has gotten worse in recent years. Gallegos is not sure if it's a seal on the cupola or the louvered windows in the structure on top of the town hall that is causing the problem. He hopes to bring in a roofing specialist to look over the situation and get an estimate to make the appropriate repairs. It is hoped that the repairs will be relatively inexpensive and addressed in the current year's budget.



The Result & The (likely) Cause

It's believed the cupola on the Lamoine Town Hall is letting the water in when storms blow in from the Southwest. The leak has stained ceiling tiles in entrance area.

Recreation Committee Feeling Stressed

(Lamoine) - Members of Lamoine's Recreation Committee say they could use some more volunteer help when it comes to running programs. The committee formed several years ago with the goal of setting up recreational opportunities that were not available through existing operations either in Lamoine or in neighboring communities.

This fiscal year the Lamoine Rec Committee has offered fall youth soccer and youth basketball and cheering during the winter. Participation has been very strong, but some committee members have stepped down due to a lack of time. Chair Amanda Frost resigned her position in November.

Secretary Nikki Chan met with the Board of Selectmen and suggested more committee members. The Selectmen have appointed Heather Alley and Allison Howaniec as alternate members to the Recreation Committee and elevated Andrea Smith from an alternate to a regular voting member.

The committee willingly accepts help from parents whose children are involved in programs, whether through helping to coach teams, set up the school gym, coordinate communications among participants, or any of a myriad of tasks. Those interested in lending a hand can ask any committee member about how they can help.

Returnable Containers Benefit Local Groups

(Lamoine) - The program established to collect returnable bottles and cans at the Lamoine Transfer Station continues to have strong support. Each month, Lamoine Redemption picks up the returnables left at the bottle building. They mail a check to the town for that month's collections, and the money is turned over to a local organization that makes application.

The following organizations have benefitted in 2018:

January	Lamoine School Drama Club	\$203.15
February	Lamoine Conservation Commission	\$206.55
March	Lamoine School Robotics Program	\$268.20
April	Girl Scout Troop 796	\$177.30
May	Lamoine School Sports Programming	\$230.55
June	Lamoine School 8th Grade Class	\$426.60
July	Lamoine School Special Projects	\$425.25
August	Lamoine School Music Program	\$428.30
September	East Lamoine Cemetery Association	\$287.20
October	Lamoine Historical Society	\$398.25
November	Frenchman Bay Riders Snowmobile Club	*
December	Lamoine/Bayside Grange	*

*Amount pending check receipt



The cleanup crew adopted a lot of litter from the Mud Creek/ Eagle Point Road this fall. Gordon and Cynthia Donaldson are joined by Adopt-A-Highway chair Georgia Munsell for their semi-annual litter pickup along the busy road.

Town, School Cable Channels Change

(Lamoine) - Now that cable TV carrier Spectrum (Charter) has upgraded to all high definition channels locally, they have moved the local program origination channels from both the town hall and the Lamoine Consolidated School.

The town hall channel can be seen on digital channel 1303. The school channel is 1302. All Spectrum subscribers have had to convert to a digital receiver which will receive those channels (previously 5 & 7).

The town's technology committee will inquire about upgrading at least the town hall channel to high definition cameras and recording equipment to improve the picture quality. The system installed at the town hall is now more than 14-years old, having been installed in September 2004. The technology world has changed significantly since then, with pretty much everything converted to high def. The franchise fee that cable subscribers pay each month is returned to the town by Spectrum and is used to purchase CTV equipment.

The upside of the channel change is that the town hall now has a digital receiver, and can simulcast the school channel on the town hall channel, which was done several times in the past quarter. That also allows school programming to be recorded and placed onto the town's web streaming service.

Cable Line Expansion Awaited

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Technology Committee and a committee from Hancock in the Eagle Point area discussed trying to convince cable TV carrier Spectrum that enough homes exist between the two communities to expand service to that subdivision. The newly approved franchise agreements require 20-homes per mile for the company to wire up a neighborhood. The Hancock Group is trying to arrange a local meeting with Spectrum officials to review the numbers. So far, no meeting has been scheduled.

Lamoine also showed the Wolf Subdivision off Shore Road had enough homes, but still awaits the cable to be strung in that neighborhood.

Fire Department to Acquire “New” Air Packs

(Lamoine) In fire lingo, they’re Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, or “SCBAs”. They consist of a tank of compressed breathing air, a mask and a regulator and alarm that firefighters wear to breath in unsafe environments, and the new versions are incredibly expensive, about \$7,500 each or more.

The Ellsworth Fire Department will upgrade their SCBAs in the next few months, and the “old” units are far newer than most of the Lamoine air packs currently in service. Fire Chief George “Skip” Smith has negotiated a purchase price for the barely used Ellsworth SCBAs of \$3,000 apiece, less than half the cost of a new unit. The department will purchase 10 of the SCBAs, retiring 10 of the older units on board the trucks. Fund raising will allow the department to purchase all, and the town has budgeted \$8,000 in the current fiscal year for airpack replacement and the Budget Committee has recommended \$7,000 for the FY 19/20 budget to reimburse the fire department corporation for half of the cost, pending town meeting approval.

The SCBAs won’t go into service until Ellsworth obtains their new equipment, expected sometime in the spring of 2019. The soon to be retired air packs also were obtained many years ago from the Ellsworth Fire Department.

Contracts Renewed

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen renewed two contracts during the past quarter. The Small Animal Clinic remains under contract to receive and board stray dogs and cats. The town also has an agreement with the SPCA for housing animals on a limited basis.

The Selectmen also renewed a 3-year contract with auditor James Wadman, CPA. The company has conducted Lamoine’s audit for many years, and the contract price of \$4,556.50 for the next fiscal year is less than a \$100 increase from the current contract.

Speed Sign on its Way

(Lamoine) - An electronic speed monitoring sign should arrive in Lamoine during January 2019, but might not be deployed until the weather warms up. The Road Commissioner will attend a class on January 10th on how to install, operate and obtain speed data from the sign. The town will supply a laptop computer (it has one on hand) to operate the sign.

The Maine Department of Transportation is providing the sign. The town is obligated to supply speed data to law enforcement agencies as appropriate to assist with any traffic monitoring that might be appropriate. The sign operates on solar power above 32-degrees.



Karen Saunders of Finish Line Graffix puts the finishing touch on letters for the cab of Lamoine Ladder Truck 404

Smoking Policy Updated

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen has approved a new smoking policy which prohibits tobacco and other substance smoking at all town facilities, including parks. Assisted by Healthy Acadia, the policy addresses marijuana and other substances. People visiting parks may smoke inside their vehicles only and not dispose of any smoking materials in the parks.

Dog Registration Late Fees Start in February

(Lamoine) - State law requires that all dog owners must register their canines with the town clerk’s office annually. Registrations expire annually at the end of December, but there is a grace period in January in which to re-register dogs without a late fee. The \$25 penalty is imposed by state law beginning on February 1st.

Rarely does a month go by that the town office or Animal Control Officer Shannon Byers receives a report of a lost or found dog. With a town registration tag, the owner can be easily located. Without a tag, the dog is generally sent to the Small Animal Clinic or Hancock County SPCA. The owner is charged a boarding fee and will be required to license the dog if it is not.



Lamoine’s Board of Selectmen had hoped to see the new ladder truck up close when they met in late October. A delivery delay, kept the truck in Canada a week later than expected, but the Selectmen met at the fire station despite its absence.



Another Storm Casualty
A wind storm in early November brought down several trees and limbs. This tree on Cos Cob Avenue took down a long section of power line, which Emera Maine repaired

Fire Department Call Volume Down

(Lamoine) - After a record setting year in 2017, the call volume for 2018 fell by about 11 percent in Lamoine. The nature of the in-town calls was also fairly low key for the final quarter of the year.

The department responded to several calls during a pair of wind and heavy rain storms in mid-October and early November. Those resulted in four calls for trees or wires down. Assistance to Northern Light Transport proved to be the most challenging calls. In mid-October, department members responded to the shore of Falcon Lane to assist paramedics with carrying a man who injured his leg after a bad fall on the shore line. On New Year’s Eve, the fire department assisted the ambulance crew with an unresponsive patient who was revived and taken to the hospital.

Out of town calls were numerous. Ellsworth requested assistance with a house fire on Christian Ridge Road on November 13th. The department also responded with either station stand-by in Lamoine or Ellsworth for fire calls in Mariaville, Steuben, Southwest Harbor and Hancock.

The department ended the year with 82 calls for assistance, compared to the record 92 in 2017. While the number was down a bit, it’s still the second busiest year in the history of the department.

Grange Now a Year Round Building

By Sharon St. Clair

(Lamoine) - Here we are, at the beginning of another cold winter, and we at the Lamoine Bayside Grange are happily looking forward to our monthly meetings in the warm Grange Hall. Thanks to all the work LCA has done, our building is able to be used year-round!

In December the Grange was proud to host another Red Cross Blood Drive. We want to extend our thanks to all the many donors who came out to make this drive a phenomenal success. It far exceeded the expectations of all involved! If you missed this drive, you'll have another chance to give blood in the spring when we do it all again!

Our Grange meets every month on the first Wednesday at 7:00. We are always welcoming new members. Come join us!

Community Arts Scholarships

By Anne Labossiere

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Community Arts Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that partial scholarships to programs in the arts will now be available to students in grades K-12 on a year round basis. To be eligible for one of these partial scholarships, a K-12 student must live in Lamoine or attend the Lamoine Consolidated School or have a parent who works in Lamoine or is a member of Lamoine Community Arts.

In an effort to generate a greater interest in these scholarships, we will consider programs or lessons related to all arts including music, art, dance, theater, visual arts, fiber arts, robotics, culinary art, wood working, spinning, boat building, photography, basket making. If the "art" of interest is not listed, please contact the chair of the committee, Anne LaBossiere. At 667-6765 or alabossier@aol.com.

To obtain an application, pick one up from Betty Eaton at the Lamoine Consolidated School or contact Anne LaBossiere. Applications must be received at least two weeks prior to the starting date.

Foreclosure Notices Sent

(Lamoine) - Owners of two dozen properties with tax liens filed in July of 2017 have been sent notification that if the taxes for the 2016/17 tax year are not paid, the town will automatically receive ownership of their property. Of the properties involved, 9 parcels are occupied homes.

The automatic foreclosure date is January 27, 2019. If the taxes remain unpaid, the town offers the parcel first to the previous owner or occupant for all back taxes, fees and interest. If the previous owner declines, the property may be put out for public bid.

Last year the town foreclosed on one occupied property. The occupant is currently working on a payment plan to repurchase their home, and get it back on the tax rolls.

Community Arts News

By Diane Sanderson

(Lamoine) - LCA had a very successful fall production this year, involving 17 actors, 3 musicians and numerous support staff. The performance, called "Spoon River", directed by Carol Korty, consisted of 63 monologues which she selected and arranged from Edgar Lee Masters' classic SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY. After many years of incredibly dedicated service, Carol will now retire as Artistic Director of LCA, though she will continue to be a member of LCA in an advisory capacity. We will all miss her expertise and dedication to our local theater.

We are continuing to upgrade the Grange building and this winter installed a propane stove in the basement to keep the actors warm. The outdoor siding is

about half finished with completion planned for the spring.

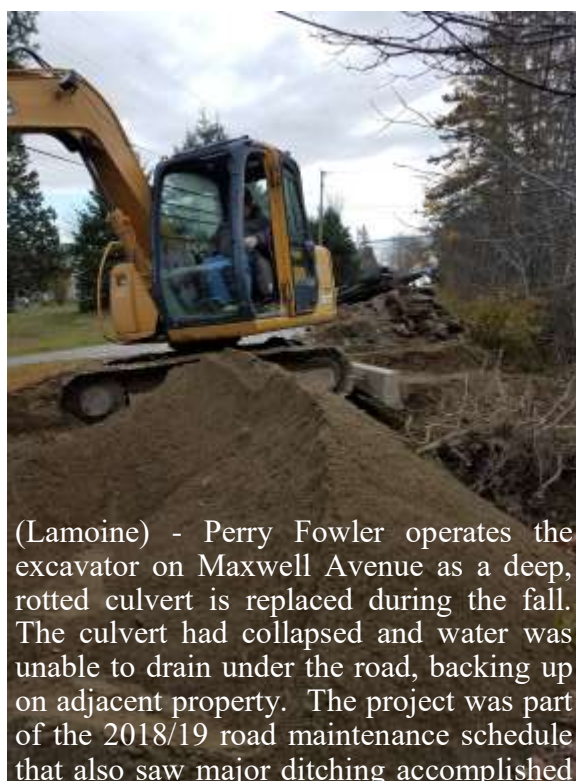
Upcoming events include MLK Day Sing-a-long on January 21, from 2-4 PM, and an interpretive Reading of Walt Whitman's LEAVES OF GRASS tentatively scheduled for March 16th and 17th. Audition dates for that will be early February. Additionally, plans are underway for LCA's participation in the Lamoine 150th celebration.

We look forward to an active winter and spring. Join us to read aloud a play for the fun of it on the last Saturday evenings of Jan, Feb, and March. Check out details and keep up to date by visiting our web site and our Facebook page. We welcome your involvement in our local community theater.

Solar Panels, Compactor Recommended

(Lamoine) - The town's exploration of a solar energy project to generate enough electricity to meet the electric bills for municipal buildings continues, with a recommendation from the Conservation Commission. And that will kind of go hand in hand with a plan by the Selectmen and Budget Committee to look at a major re-design of the Transfer Station.

The Conservation Commission is recommending that panels be installed at the Transfer Station, and that a request for proposals be developed to do so. In the meantime, the Selectmen want to explore the possibility of installing a compactor at the facility, which will likely involve a significant re-design. The Budget Committee has recommended a \$15,000 appropriation in the 2019/20 budget for engineering. Funding will come from the money returned to the town when it withdrew from membership of the Municipal Review Committee, opting to keep sending municipal solid waste to the PERC incinerator in Orrington.



(Lamoine) - Perry Fowler operates the excavator on Maxwell Avenue as a deep, rotted culvert is replaced during the fall. The culvert had collapsed and water was unable to drain under the road, backing up on adjacent property. The project was part of the 2018/19 road maintenance schedule that also saw major ditching accomplished on Mill Road and Walker Road. Part of the funding for the road work was encumbered from the 2017/18 budget to ensure adequate funding.

Lamoine 150! Logo Design Wanted

(Lamoine) - The committee planning Lamoine's big 150th Birthday celebration is looking for a logo to mark the occasion. A design contest will begin shortly—the committee's January 17th meeting will come up with the details with entries due at the end of May, 2019.

The first event of the 150th celebration is this coming September with a road race which is being organized.

The logo will have to be submitted in computer format (.jpg or .png), and the winner will be chosen in June. Artists of all ages are encouraged to enter, and the logo will be used on all the materials for the celebration including posters, flyers, flags and anything else that can be printed or posted on the Internet. Look for details to come out during the latter part of January.

Big Election Turnout in November

(Lamoine) - More than 65% of Lamoine's voters cast ballots in the general election November 6, 2018. The turnout was 984 voters for the election of a new Governor, US Senator, Legislature and some county offices. At times, the lines were out the door and parking was tricky. When the votes were tallied, Lamoine's outcome pretty much mirrored the state as a whole.

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Yes, Lamoine Once Had a High School

(By Gordon Donaldson & Gary McFarland)
(Lamoine) - Yes, neighbors, Lamoine once boasted our own high school! Between 1873 and 1910, the Lamoine Free High School offered an education to graduates of our four one-room “district schools”. It began with seven students and reached a peak of 49 in 1894. LFHS operated only for the “winter term” of 11 or 12 weeks each year.

You may wonder where our high school stood. We never had a high school building! The school operated in several places including the Town Hall – if the town meeting voted to rent it. That meant that some years (such as 1897) if the Town Meeting didn’t vote for a high school budget (\$125 or so) AND vote to “let” the Town Hall for the high school, there was no high school! Town funding for a high school education was hotly debated, it seems!

The Lamoine Historical Society has editions of *The Lamoine Free High School Times* from the turn of the 20th century. Students studied literature, math, history (ancient and American), science, and handwriting. Musical, “oratory”, and theatrical performance were expected (including memorization!). Some students who lived at a distance (Marlboro, for example) “boarded over” for the week with families living closer to the school.

Articles for *The Times* were written by the “scholars” and often included tongue-in-cheek “news” and advertisements. For example:

Lamoine Free High Scholars 1898



Lamoine Historical Society

The following has been recommended for ‘la grippe’: Swear awfully, put your feet in hot water and take quinine pills until your head buzzes. Perhaps the hot water and quinine would do without the swearing. (1890)

Mr. Clarence Des Isle of Lamoine Beach, who attended High School for several weeks this winter, is now at work for one of the ice companies that is getting out a large amount of ice from Blunt’s Pond. (1890)

The Lamoine High School had a straw ride the evening of Jan. 16, to Ellsworth. The party consisted of twenty-three of the scholars and the teacher, Mr. Jordan. Mr. Kief furnished the team and drove. Arriving at Ellsworth, the whole party visited Cunningham’s candy store and after a tour of the principal streets of the city on the electric, returned home about midnight. (1903)

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Teacher: What happens when a man’s temperature goes down as far as it can go?
Scholar: He has cold feet. (1903)
The girls are very scarce in this town. Some of our young men are looking toward West Hancock [meaning Marlboro]. (1907)

The Lamoine Free High School enrolled fewer and fewer students in the early 1900s as the population declined. After 1909, when average attendance was only 15 students, the town ceased to fund its own high school. From that year through the 1920s, the major options for Lamoine teens were Ellsworth High School or boarding schools such as Higgins Classical Institute in Charleston, Coburn Classical, and Oak Grove Academy in the Waterville area.

Lamoine Tops in Hancock County Testing Results

By Dawn McPhail, Principal
(Lamoine) - Testing results from last spring’s MEA testing has been made available to schools, and the results are fantastic for LCS. 77% of our students are meeting or exceeding the standards in ELA, compared to the state average of 49%. 59% of our students are meeting or exceeding the standards in math, compared to the state average of 37%. The chart below shows the % of students meeting or exceeding grade level standards in both ELA & Math over the past three years, demonstrating steady gains each year. The second chart shows that LCS is the top scoring school in Hancock County in both ELA and

School Names Students of the Month

By Dawn McPhail, Principal

(Lamoine) - In October LCS kicked off a new program called “Student of the Month”. While we will continue with Lion Pride which celebrates every student, “Student of the Month” honors our exceptional middle school students. The selection for student of the month is based on a student’s commitment to academics, their exemplary character, their behavior, and their involvement in community service and extracurricular activities. The selections were honored at an assembly with their parents secretly hiding to present the award. Students of the month for October were 8th grader Lucas Heard and 7th grader Aiden Young.

November students of the month were 8th grader Alida Hodgkins & 7th grader Paige Johnson. Because of space constraints, we will publish a student profile as an “extra” in the electronic version of *The Lamoine Quarterly*, but not in the print edition.

Robotics Team Shines

By Dawn McPhail, Principal

(Lamoine) - On Saturday, November 10, our LCS Robotics Teams competed at the district-level Qualifying Tournament in Searsport. Both teams demonstrated courage, kindness, friendship and perseverance as they participated in four separate competitions. The competitions included a team-building challenge, a research-project presentation, a robot design competition, and a robot game. Throughout the course of the day, both of the teams were faced with some difficult and unexpected challenges. They not only rose to the occasion, but came together as one to creatively solve the problems at hand. In the end, our two teams walked away with a combined 5 trophies

and both teams qualified for the State Championship and advanced to Augusta on December 8th.

At the State Championship both teams performed well, but did not place in any of the competitions.

School	2016-2017 English Language	2017-2018 English Language Arts/ Literacy	2016- 2017 Science	2017- 2018 Science	2016- 2017 Math	2017- 2018 Math
Adams School	69	68	*	*	40	53
Airline Community School	*	64	*	*	35	36
Beech Hill School	42	37	*	58	28	25
Blue Hill Consolidated School	65	61	78	87	40	39
Blue Hill Harbor School	*	*	*	*	*	*
Brooklin School	68	53	*	55	42	38
Brooksville Elementary School	64	56	*	*	40	36
Bucksport High School	32	48	28	35	18	28
Bucksport Middle School	44	46	64	62	31	28
Cave Hill School	37	40	43	71	35	37
Cranberry Isles School	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dedham School	65	64	86	76	48	47
Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School	28	29	62	53	17	17
Deer Isle-Stonington High School	46	31	44	*	41	31
Ella Lewis School	55	39	78	*	38	28
Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School	55	53	72	71	48	44
Ellsworth High School	56	49	45	43	30	32
Frenchboro Elementary School	*	*	*	*	*	*
George Stevens Academy	76	74	50	55	40	47
Hancock Grammar School	48	44	81	50	39	31
KidsPeace Graham Lake School	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lamoine Consolidated School	59	77	73	*	49	59
Miles Lane School	44	32	*	*	36	18
Mountain View School	39	39	38	52	18	20
Mt. Desert Elementary School	70	63	89	78	63	50
Mt. Desert Island High School	77	72	61	53	45	48
Pemetic Elementary School	73	63	82	69	57	54
Peninsula School	59	58	*	69	42	43
Penobscot Elementary School	63	69	*	*	70	56
Sedgwick Elementary School	43	34	58	65	31	21
Sumner Memorial High School	54	49	53	55	29	25
Surry Elementary School	59	56	78	59	36	30
Swan's Island Elementary School	37	52	45	*	26	45
Tremont Consolidated School	62	53	*	55	51	47
Trenton Elementary School	65	55	73	*	47	43
Hancock County Average	55	52	63	60	39	37
Statewide Average	53	50	61	59	39	37

Data provided by the Maine Department of Education
*Data withheld by the state to protect student privacy

January Returnable Benefit Little Kids

(Lamoine) - Proceeds from the returnable containers left for donation at the transfer station in January will benefit the Lamoine Little Childrens’ group which is raising money for a play structure at Lamoine Beach. You can contact members of the group with questions, including Cynthia Donaldson, Amy Duym, Anne Labossiere, Lois Libby or Robin Veysey

January 2019-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2-8AM Assessors 6:30 PM Comp Plan Public Hrg.	3—6:30 PM Recreation Committee	4	5-Town Office Open 8-12 10AM Blunt's Pond Skate prep
6	7-7PM –Planning Board	8	9-7PM Conservation Cmsn.	10-7PM Board of Selectmen	11	12
13	14	15-6:30 PM School Committee	16	17-6PM Lamoine 150!	18	19
20	21-7PM Cmty Center Cmte @ School Town Office Closed	22	23	24-7PM Board of Selectmen	25	26-Town Office Open 8-12
27	28	29	30	31		

February 2019-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2-Town Office Open 8-12 Nomination Papers Due
3	4-7PM Planning Board	5	6-8:30 AM Board of Assessors	7-7PM Board of Selectmen	8	9
10	11	12—6:30 PM School Committee	13-7PM Conservation Cmsn.	14—6PM Lamoine 150!	15—Absentee Ballots Available	16
17	18-Town Office Closed (Holiday)	19	20	21-7PM Board of Selectmen	22	23-Town Office Open 8-12
24	25	26	27	28		

March 2019-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Town Office will be closed at lunch from March 6 through March 14 due to vacation.					1	2-Town Office Open 8-12
3	4-7PM Planning Board	5	6-8:30 AM Assessors	7	8	9
10	11	12-6:30 PM School Committee	13-7PM Conservation Cmsn.	14-Absentee Ballot Deadline	15	16
17	18	19-Municipal Election 8am-8pm	20-Town Meeting 6PM @ School	21-7PM Board of Selectmen	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30-Town Office Open 8-12
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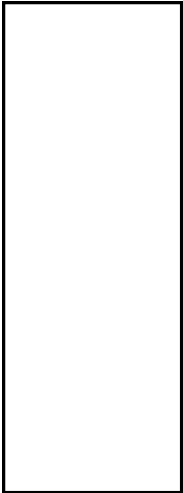
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Students of the Month Profiles

By Dawn McPhail, Principal

Students of the month for October were 8th grader Lucas Heard and 7th grader Aiden Young.

Lucas has participated in all LCS sports since fifth grade and one of this year's captains of the school's soccer team. Lucas demonstrates dedication to his academics by positively participating in class discussions, going above and beyond by asking questions and seeking extra help when he needs it. Lucas's peers respect him for his kindness and thoughtfulness in and out of the classroom. His teachers respect his manners and maturity. Lucas is a good role model for younger students, encouraging them to do their best.

Aiden is a hard working, responsible, enthusiastic student in everything that she does. She puts 110% into everything and the quality of her work is exemplary. Aiden is a quiet yet strong leader. She leads by example in and out of the classroom. Her willingness to stand up and include all students demonstrates a level of kindness that her peers appreciate and adore. In her dedication to the performing arts, she started as a woodwind performer and transitioned into a percussion and piano player for the school band. She is involved in chorus, drama club, Spring Musical, and has been selected for District 6 Honors Chorus as a student vocalist. She also participated in SkillsUSA at last year's state job interview competition. She believes in following her dreams and will often remind others to do so as well.

November students of the month were 8th grader Alida Hodgkins & 7th grader Paige Johnson

Paige participates in athletics, extra-curricular activities, and community events while consistently going above and beyond in the classroom. She recently assumed a leadership role on her robotics team by stepping up to learn about and run programs during the robot game portion of our most recent competition. Paige participates in everything musical, from playing her instrument to singing. She also participates in multiple sports both at LCS and beyond. She is a stand out pitcher in softball, spending countless hours honing her pitching skills on the weekends with other pitchers from around Eastern and Central Maine and volunteers as a buddy for the Ellsworth Challenger Baseball League. She will often participate in outside opportunities that are "extra" most recently participating in an community essay writing contest and even reading that essay to our school board during their November meeting. She was involved in window painting at the Maine Coast Mall during Thanksgiving vacation and has been an active member in Girl Scouts of America Troop 796.

Alida has had such a positive impact on our school community. Alida leads by example both inside and outside of the classroom. She demonstrates patience with her peers and perseverance in the classroom, always paying careful attention to details. Alida played a large role in the planning of the "Lamoine *Consolidead* Hotel" the haunted house that the 8th graders put on for Patron's. Alida has a gift for the visual and performing arts. Many of Alida's teachers appreciate her thoughtfulness with gifts of arts or crafts that Alida carefully makes, and each piece is full of thought and meaning. Alida is a standout actress, having been involved the spring musical each year. Once again, we look forward to seeing her on the stage with another big role this spring. She is also an active member of the LCS chorus. Alida isn't just a tremendous artist/musician, she also was recently named captain of the LCS soccer team, another example of Alida's leadership skills. Involvement in the community is also where Alida can be found. Most recently, Alida was found volunteering to paint windows at the Maine Coast Mall with a mural titled "Welcome to the Salt Life". She is a natural leader, often leading by quiet examples of kindness, advice, and experience.